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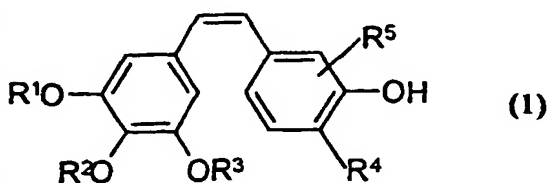
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(57) Abstract: A group of novel cis-stilbenes as disclosed of formula (1) wherein: R¹, R² and R³ are each independently alkyl, R⁴ is alkyl, haloalkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkylthio, alkylsulphinyl, alkylsulphonyl or halo, R⁵ is hydrogen, alkoxy, alkyl, alkylthio, hydroxy or halo, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof or a prodrug such as a phosphate ester. These compounds have vascular damaging activity and are therefore potentially of value in treatment of diseases where reversal of neovascularisation may have therapeutic benefit.